

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MARCH 7, 2007**

**DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

**DIRECTOR: STEPHEN HARSIN**

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and possible action on an allocation of \$223,372 in FY 2007-2008 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds to the City of Las Vegas by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - All Wards

**Fiscal Impact**

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

**Amount:** \$223,372

**Funding Source:** HUD-ESG

**Dept./Division:** Neighborhood Services/Neighborhood Development

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

For Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the city of Las Vegas has been notified by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the city will receive \$223,372 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. Neighborhood Services staff shall complete all HUD-required Environmental Reviews (ER). No project may commit and/or expend any funds prior to compliance with 24 CFR Part 58 and final notification by Neighborhood Services staff.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the Emergency Shelter Grant allocations and authorization of the Mayor to execute any and all related agreements and documents required for the projects following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Agenda Memo
2. Submitted after meeting – Executed Emergency Shelter Grant Agreements

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve the recommended allocations for Items 67-69, excluding the recommended allocation for Catholic Charities

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LARRY BROWN, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve the recommended allocation to Catholic Charities for Items 67-69

Passed For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 2; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-LARRY BROWN, LOIS TARKANIAN); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

NOTE: COUNCILMAN WOLFSON disclosed that he is a member of the Clark County Bar Association and the Latin Chamber of Commerce, and he has clients that have utilized the services of HELP of Southern Nevada, Salvation Army and Shade Tree. He did not feel that his connection to the aforementioned organizations would affect his ability to remain impartial; therefore, he would vote. Also, COUNCILMEMBERS BROWN and TARKANIAN disclosed that, as members of the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, they would have to abstain on the allocation to Catholic Charities.

Minutes:

STEPHEN HARSIN, Director of Neighborhood Services, reported that the Community Development Recommending Board (CDRB) consists of 24 citizens appointed by the Council to review applications and recommend allocations of Federal funds. He introduced KEN EVANS, Chair, and CHRIS SALM, Co-Chair.

MAYOR GOODMAN named each of the Board members and expressed his utmost appreciation for the thankless job they perform. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN noted that she was impressed that the Board selected some small, struggling agencies.

MR. EVANS thanked MR. SALM and all the Board members for their efforts, as well as Neighborhood Services staff for their guidance and direction. As always, the monies requested exceed the monies available, which makes the process arduous, because all the organizations are worthy, but not all can be funded. He outlined the recommended allocations for CDBG funding. MR. SALM reviewed the recommended allocations for HOPWA and ESG funds.

TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, questioned the final resolution regarding the issuance of \$2.3 million in funds to the Las Vegas Housing Authority. MR. HARSIN was not aware of any CDBG funding in that amount, but he assured the Council that he would do some further research.

ANTHONY HODGES, 123 Sir David Way, said that the entire process of allocating Federal funding is difficult.

DEL REY ROADS questioned the efficacy of the tutorial programs, as seniors undergoing some of these programs are not making any progress or receiving diplomas. The programs keep receiving funds, but the people are not benefitting. MR. HARSIN indicated that the agencies have to report monthly on how the monies are being used.

TED RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, commended the Board members for their stewardship.

BEATRICE TURNER, West Las Vegas, suggested the Council members go out on the streets during the late hours to observe how the homeless in the Foremaster Lane area and the women at Shade Tree are really treated. VERLIA DAVIS HOGGARD, Board member, said the meetings

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of the CDRB are open to the public.

